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ENTERTAINMENT: Singing group Shades of Brown performs during the BIC luncheon. The group said the piece was historically sung by slaves hoping for freedom in early America.

Empowerment education

Black Issues Conference focuses on student empowerment, learning, community

By Jess James
Reporter

United by pride and overcoming the struggles that have burdened the black community's existence since the time of slavery, students at Saturday's 11th Annual Black Issues Conference came together to find the answer to empowerment and societal change.

The conference titled "Black Empowerment Under the Microscope" welcomed an audience of approximately 70 people and started the day with a greeting from the Black Student Union and the director of the program, graduate student Jaimme Jelks.

"What we want students to take away from the conference is a learning experience," Jelks said. "Rather it be a reflection of their life or where their career path will take them, it's important that we come together and understand how these issues are affecting the black community."

A total of seven discussion-based sessions were held throughout the day and

were divided into topics to generate student feedback. The topics of the workshops were based on issues ranging from ways to identify a greater sense of self, finding the ability to become a successful student to the roots of black oppression.

The topic "Still Cold in the D? Urban America's Crisis" focused on the downfall of urban American cities in the Midwestern United States, particularly Detroit and Cleveland. In the workshop, online media sources were used to help demonstrate the media's impact on the negative perception of urban life and issues facing poverty stricken communities.

Workshop coordinator graduate student Carlos Northern said when black students come to college from an inner city environment, negative stereotypes can accompany where they are from.

"A lot of black students come to college with almost a chip on their shoulder based on how people perceive them," Northern



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PURPOSE: Paula Ribeau, wife of former University President Sidney Ribeau, gives the keynote speech.

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Local family baking bread, running franchise

By Christie Kerner
Reporter

A town favorite, with its look of creativity and laid-back atmosphere, offers French pastries along with freshly made food, free Wi-Fi, coffee bar and much more.

The shop known as Myles Baker Street, located at 434 E. Wooster St., opened in fall of 2006 by Meredith, daughter of the Myles family, and her husband Abe Valle.

The Myles family owns the pizza shop, Dairy Queen, flower shop and, of course, the bakery that offers sweet treats and lunches for those looking for a different type of experience in the northwest area. With Valentine's Day approaching, the flower shop and bakery will deliver both flowers and chocolates, as well as any time of the year.

"We realized in this area there's really no French-style pastry shop," owner Abe Valle said.

Meredith Myles-Valle attended the School of the Art Institute as well as a French pastry school in Chicago to enhance her art-work. She did not expect to fall in love with the art of pastries or plan on making a career of



RYAN PIROG | THE BG NEWS

KISS KISS: Lips-shaped "Pucker Up" treats lay ready to be snatched up by customers at Myles Baker Street.

her talents in the industry.

"Once you finish your degree, you have to work in the industry, and I worked in a wedding cake shop," Myles-Valle said. "I soon realized this is what I wanted to do."

She always knew if she decided to go into business, she would return to her hometown of Bowling Green. Her childhood was greatly influenced by her family's businesses and she loved to help in any way she could.

"I was definitely around food growing up," Myles-Valle said. "I'm still convinced my dad

would put certain things on the menu just so I could help."

She even remembers the day she was finally allowed to work in the pizza shop.

"I really enjoyed working at those places," Myles-Valle said.

Valle worked in the pizza shop during his years in college and has managed the shop since 1994.

"I had other jobs before that but I didn't really care for them," Valle said. "I really like the restaurant business."

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Students put hold on outreach concert at library

By Hannah Nusser
Reporter

Three University musicians held an outreach concert last semester to open children up to the world of classical music.

Julie Singleton, Annaka Price and Wen Chin Liu planned, promoted, and performed a children's outreach concert at the Wood County Library as part of a graduate-level directed research course.

As part of MUSP 6900 'Directed Research,' students have two options for their final project: put on an outreach concert or participate in a collegiate-level teaching interview, performing an educational skit at the Wood County Library.

Megan Ferguson, assistant professor of viola at the College of Musical Arts, taught the research course last fall. She said students are responsible for everything from booking a venue to advertising to programming for their concert.

Ferguson said she gives the students full rein on producing the project, but provides guidelines and lectures on how to give

"Julie came out from the castle and started playing the French horn like an entrance for a king..."

Wen Chin Liu | Musician

an outreach concert.

"The audience is a little different than it would be... at a recital at the College of Musical Arts," she said. "For them it was children, so you have to program it so it's appropriate for the audience."

First-year graduate student Wen Chin Liu wrote and performed the vocal part of the program.

"[We] did it in the children's section with the children's castle... we made use of that," she said. "Julie came out from the castle and started playing the French horn like an entrance of the king or queen."

Daniel Trantham, 12, attended the program, and recalled his favorite part, the vocal part, which closed the concert.

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THUR., FEB. 4

4:31 A.M.
Jenna Garnett, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct within the 300 block of N. Main St.

3:14 P.M.
Ana Vasquez, 23, of Columbus, was arrested for theft/shoplifting when she attempted to leave Wal-Mart without paying for \$82.48 of merchandise.

3:23 P.M.
Individual came to the police station to report a threat.

6:02 P.M.
Manager of Hobby Lobby called to report two unknown subjects shoplifted \$841.54 worth of merchandise from the store.

11:36 P.M.
Resident within the 600 block of Wallace Ave. was warned for loud music.

11:44 P.M.
Matthew Weatherwax, 23, of Oak Harbor, Ohio, was cited for open container of alcohol in Lot 1.

11:56 P.M.
Individual on the corners of West Wooster and North Church Streets was warned for pedestrian crosswalk.

FRI., FEB. 5

12:14 A.M.
Individual was warned for criminal trespass when he was observed on someone else's porch within the 100 block of Ridge St.

12:42 A.M.
Jenna Garnett, 19, of Bowling Green, and Abrielle Lieber, 21, of Bowling Green, were cited for disorderly conduct/loud music within the 300 block of N. Main St.

1:06 A.M.
Individual reported an unknown person stole his wallet, containing \$240 in cash, his I.D. and his social security card at The Attic.

1:24 A.M.
Individual reported his apartment was broken into within the 200 block of E. Napoleon Road.

1:54 A.M.
Rebo Nelson, of Toledo, was arrested for possession of marijuana within the 100 block of W. Wooster St.

11:58 A.M.
Individual reported unknown subject

stole his credit card at Kroger.

12:19 P.M.
Mecca Management was showing a vacant apartment to a subject when they found a black male hiding in the apartment within the 400 block of E. Merry St.

2:13 P.M.
Individual reported sometime during the night the driver side mirror was broken and several small scratches were caused to his car within the 500 block of Ridge St.

2:48 P.M.
Corner Grill reported two females and one male left the restaurant without paying the \$15 bill.

3:48 P.M.
Individual reported that his wife struck him in their apartment within the 800 block of E. Napoleon Road.

8:12 P.M.
Jamie Gonzales, 41, of Bowling Green, was arrested for criminal trespass within 400 block of S. Main St.

10:22 P.M.
Resident within the 300 block of N. Main St. was warned for disorderly conduct/loud music.

11:31 P.M.
John Szymanski Jr., 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct within the 300 block of N. Main St.

SAT., FEB. 6

12:52 A.M.
Individual was warned for loud music within the 900 block of Klotz Road.

12:54 A.M.
Timothy Pedro, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for jaywalking within the 100 block of N. Prospect St.

1:25 A.M.
Resident within the 500 block of N. Enterprise St. was warned for loud music.

1:44 A.M.
Individual was warned for criminal trespass at Uptown/Downtown.

2:19 A.M.
Richard Gumsell, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct fighting at City Tap.

3:47 P.M.
Complainant came to the police station to report she was threatened by her ex-boyfriend.

11:53 P.M.

Niko Diaz, 18, of Fostoria, Ohio, was arrested for open container and underage possession of alcohol at the Wood County Public Library.

SUN., FEB. 7

12:12 A.M.
Mario Hernandez, 31, of Findlay, Ohio, was arrested for assault within the 100 block of N. Main St.

12:16 A.M.
Jamie Gonzalez, 23, of Fremont, Ohio, was cited for prohibited acts using the I.D. of another at Uptown Downtown.

12:30 A.M.
Andrew Mahall, 18, of North Ridgeville, Ohio, was arrested for underage under the influence of alcohol on the corners of East Reed Avenue and North Enterprise Street.

1:06 A.M.
Individual reported she was pushed to the ground and had a drink thrown at her by a group of males in Lot 1.

2:41 A.M.
Samuel Gichuru, 26, of Toledo, was arrested for disorderly conduct, urinating in public place in Lot 2.

3:23 A.M.
Jennamarie Sobb, 23, of Toledo, was cited for jaywalking on the corners of South Main and East Wooster Streets.

ONLINE: Go to bgviews.com for the complete blotter list.

CORRECTION POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

In Thursday's article "Mass. Senate seat loss affects college Democrats," Danielle McConnell stated that Scott Brown's win could create more filibusters in the Senate, with no mention of the House of Commons.

In Friday's staff editorial "Faculty exercise right to question hierarchy," almost 58 percent of University faculty are in favor of a vote for a union, not necessarily in favor of a union. Also, faculty were not asked to take unpaid vacation days, just administrative staff paid more than \$50,000 per year.

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SUPER BOWL: Freshman Marcellus K. Jones sings along with The Who's Super Bowl XXIV half-time performance. Jones watched the Saints 31-17 victory over the Colts in Founders Residence Hall with the campus M Powerment group.

MYLES

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Valle was able to learn how to run a business from behind the scenes by working with a couple of Fortune 500 companies after college.

"I've always had a natural curiosity of how products are sold for this or that," Valle said.

Valle's business background and Myles-Valle's pastry education and creativity have allowed for a successful team of owners.

"We make a pretty good team," Valle said.

Wedding cakes are the bakery's biggest seller.

"We've established a strong reputation," Valle said. "We have wedding cakes booked to 2012."

The bakery also sells imported chocolate from Belgium that they melt down and hand dip each day, as well as offers breakfast and lunch with soups and sandwiches.

"We use locally organic grown fruits and vegetables out of Tiffin," Valle said.

Each recipe and design of the bakery has been created by Myles-Valle from the waffle floor tiles to the frosted chocolate cake wallpaper.

"This to me is a complete representation of me," she said. "This would be my ideal environment."

Customer Don Jordan makes Myles Baker Street part of his

mornings about three times a week.

"It's the best coffee in town," Jordan said.

He also sees the creativity of those behind the counter.

"The bakers are real artists," he said.

Worker Andrew Bruner, who measures out all of the ingredients, enjoys the company of people he works with in the kitchen.

"It's the people I work with that really make the time go by," Bruner said.

Bruner enjoys the grilled cheese sandwich and would recommend it to anyone.

"That's my number one recommendation," Bruner said. "It's not your normal kid's grilled cheese."

Bruner also sees it as a place to treat oneself.

"If you want to spoil yourself, we're definitely a cool place to come satisfy your sweet tooth," Bruner said.

Myles Baker Street prides itself on providing something different for the community.

"I can't stress enough how we don't make box mixes," Valle said. "It just separates us, we wanted to do something with our own stamp on it."

The freshness of the products is one of their main goals.

"Our goal here on a daily basis is to make a fresh product from scratch," Myles-Valle said. "I don't believe in preservatives."

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"Wen Chin came and she did that one song about the alligator and the monkeys ... and so the kids really enjoyed that," he said. "It wasn't very long, and then they did a little human train and went throughout the children's area ... it was pretty fun."

Annaka Price, performance studies major, played clarinet for the children.

"It was cool to invite them into music making," Price said. "They were running around the library and dancing and making motions."

Liu said the goal of their performance was to introduce children to classical music.

"We wanted the children to know the instruments, because nowadays people [have] more pop influence, they don't really know what is classical [music] anymore," Liu said.

Singleton, performance studies major, said overall, the concert was a success.

"We wanted the kids to have fun but also be engaged ... and to get a good impression of so-called classical music, and I think we did that," Singleton said.

Each group member was

attracted to the project for different reasons.

Liu, a choral conducting major, journeyed from her native Malaysia to further her studies at the University. She wishes to return home to work with children there.

"Before I came [to America] my initial goal was to go back and work with children's choir in Malaysia and build up the children's choir because choirs in Malaysia are not as advanced, but they're coming along," Liu said.

Julie Singleton, a first-year performance studies graduate student, has been playing the French horn since fifth grade, she said, and has been playing the piano for as long as she can remember.

She said she was drawn to the project idea for the opportunity to connect with children.

"I love kids ... it feels very interactive," she said. "Kids are really curious; it was really cute."

Although working with children isn't part of her career goals, Singleton said, the outreach program helped her gain a sense of how to appeal to different audiences.

"I think as a musician, you have to be really flexible with career goals, but I love to teach," she said. "It's like when you practice something ... it helps to practice it different ways."

CONFERENCE

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said. "Rather, these misconceptions are in the media or coming from other people's own view of what they think about city life; the purpose of this seminar is to get people exposure to the media and its factuality."

Other topics focused on expanding the economic blueprint for a more sustainable black community. "Building A Bridge for African American Future Entrepreneurs" addressed the changing landscape of the inner city education system and the obstacles facing black student progress. Graduate student Unique Shaw, program adviser, said discussing the personal downfalls of one's failure can in some instances be the best way to resolve the issues at hand.

"Self doubt is a major issue among many black students," Shaw said. "It's important to acknowledge what may be hin-

dering you and sometimes people fail to realize that it starts with yourself. In order to move forward you have to admit your own faults and not blame it on outside sources."

While many of the workshops were stimulated by student discussion, the presentation of keynote speaker Paula Whetsel-Ribeau was accompanied with a breakdown of three critical issues facing the black community and how progressive change has to start in oneself.

Ribeau, University alumna, was the former assistant vice president for Student Affairs and is also the wife of Sidney Ribeau, former University president. Ribeau also recently shared dinner with President Barack Obama at a con-

ference in Washington D.C.

She said the much-needed change in the African-American community needs to come from one's own personal values and beliefs.

"The fact that all of you here today would take a hard look at yourself and ask how you can contribute to uplifting and motivating the black community to success is truly admirable and ambitious," Ribeau said. "Why are we here today? What is the purpose of this conference? When Jaimme [Jelks] called me and asked me to be the keynote speaker, I was thrilled. Then he sent me a text that read: 'The Black Issues Conference will challenge the black community to look at itself through a critical introspective lens in an

side, how do you communicate with a specific audience," Ferguson said.

Singleton said music is an important thing for children to have exposure to.

"It offers infinite possibilities to children ... kids are so imaginative and so raw," she said. "Kids can really experience a sense of awe that adults desensitize themselves to."

Price said people of all ages can benefit from the power of music.

"Adults need that same thing ... I think adults and students need to be engaged in the same way," she said. "It's the same objective in different means."

Ferguson said musical outreach programs benefit all parties involved, not just the musicians.

"I really feel like [in] BG and Toledo ... there's a real need for this type of stuff right now, with the economy the way it is," she said. "I think people need the arts more than ever right now."

The concert was about more than just exposing kids to new music, Price said.

"It's not about, 'Oh support us, we need to get paid, arts are getting cut everywhere,'" she said. "It can't be about that — it's about breaking down barriers of stereotypes about classical music and communicating something in a different way."

attempt to regain the focus of utilizing the success to help motivate and uplift the black community."

Ribeau went on to explain the rise in single parent families, education and HIV/AIDS were the most crucial barriers facing the struggle for change in the black community. She explained that for progress to be made, students need to reach out to one another and challenge the obstacles that are affecting the black community.

"My challenge to you is to look introspectively and be clear about who you are and what you value," Ribeau said. "Where are you going? Make it your personal responsibility to live the values and the dreams that our ancestors gave their lives

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"Julie came out from the castle and started playing the French horn like an entrance of the king or queen."
— Wen Chin Liu, grad student, on a recital at the College of Musical Arts [see story, pg. 1].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What should happen to people caught with pot?



"Nothing. Pot should be legal."
DEVON DENSON,
Freshman,
Psychology



"They should just get a warning until the next time."
BRIGID HENRY,
Sophomore,
Theater



"Students should be put on academic suspension."
JESSICA SAWMILLER,
Freshman,
AYA Education



"If students get caught more than once, remove them from the dorms."
DOMINIC RANIE,
Freshman,
Psychology

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Have your own take on today's People On The Street? Or a suggestion for a question? Give us your feedback at bgviews.com.

Head to head: The marijuana edition

BG News columnists discuss the rights and wrongs of the recent suspension of a Bowling Green student athlete over marijuana possession

Student-athletes should be held to the same standards as everyone



JOSH WHETHERHOLT
ASSISTANT
FORUM EDITOR

Every weekend, there are dozens of students who find themselves in trouble at the hands of the local police. Whether these people are guilty of underage drinking, possession of drugs or disorderly conduct, their names end up gracing the pages of the BG News blotter the following Monday. Most of the trouble these people get into does not really affect their lives except from a legal standpoint, but sadly that is not always the case.

Last Sunday, a Bowling Green basketball player, Daniel McElroy, was indefinitely suspended from play after being cited with possession of 6.57 grams of marijuana. For those of you who either don't partake in ganja-related extra curricular activities or who don't support the metric system, 6.57 grams is roughly a quarter of an ounce.

McElroy was cited Friday, Jan. 29, he played around four minutes in the game against Central Michigan Saturday, and he was suspended that Sunday. Apparently, the basketball coaches were not aware McElroy had gotten in trouble at the time of the game.

McElroy keeping the coaches in the dark on the situation is probably the key to why his suspension is so severe. Granted, McElroy should have told his coaches the skinny on his legal problems before the game, but I

really feel an indefinite suspension is unnecessary.

Many students, including student-athletes, engage in consuming controlled substances in an illegal manner. Most of them get away with it, mainly because getting away with it is not hard. But when a student-athlete gets into trouble, an example is made of them to show the athletic department is serious about the issue.

But why is this so? Why should student athletes be held to a higher standard?

Sure, some might say they are role models or representatives of the University. Sorry to let the student athletes know, most of the students do not look to you to be role models for them.

As a former collegiate student athlete, I feel your dedication to your sport while still attending college deserves much respect, but at this point, we look to others besides sports stars to be role models. And as far as University representatives goes, are there any people outside of the University that are really aware McElroy got into trouble? Chances are, no one knows, especially when his own coaches were not aware.

Another problem that lies in this issue revolves around the criminal aspect of McElroy's citation. Yes, marijuana is currently illegal in America.

"Yes, marijuana is currently illegal in America. However, the amount McElroy had in possession was obviously only meant for his own personal use..."

However, the amount McElroy had in possession was obviously only meant for his own personal use and was not enough to sell to anyone else.

A further question about this is, does McElroy smoking marijuana really affect his ability to play basketball and play it well? Probably not. Michael Phelps was involved in a similar situation just a year ago, after he won eight gold medals in the Olympics. Not that McElroy is as gifted an athlete as Phelps, but Phelps set the standard that an athlete can be world-class and still engage in a little pot smoking.

While I think McElroy should have let his coaches know about his trouble before the game, and that doing so would probably have made a difference in his punishment, I think an indefinite suspension is a little severe.

I understand marijuana is not legal (yet) and that since we live in the real world, a punishment was imminent, but holding someone to a higher standard just because they are an athlete and a student not only doesn't make sense to me, it's contrary to the experience allowed to every other student on this campus.

Respond to Josh at
thenews@bgnews.com

Those in the public eye should conduct themselves accordingly



PHIL SCHURRER
FACULTY COLUMNIST

Last week, it was reported a BG men's basketball player was arrested for possession of marijuana. He played the next day, but was afterward suspended indefinitely from the team.

There are those who would say the punishment did not fit the crime, that it was an overly strict response to an occurrence that happens quite often on (and off) campus. Some would even go so far as to ask, "What's the big deal?"

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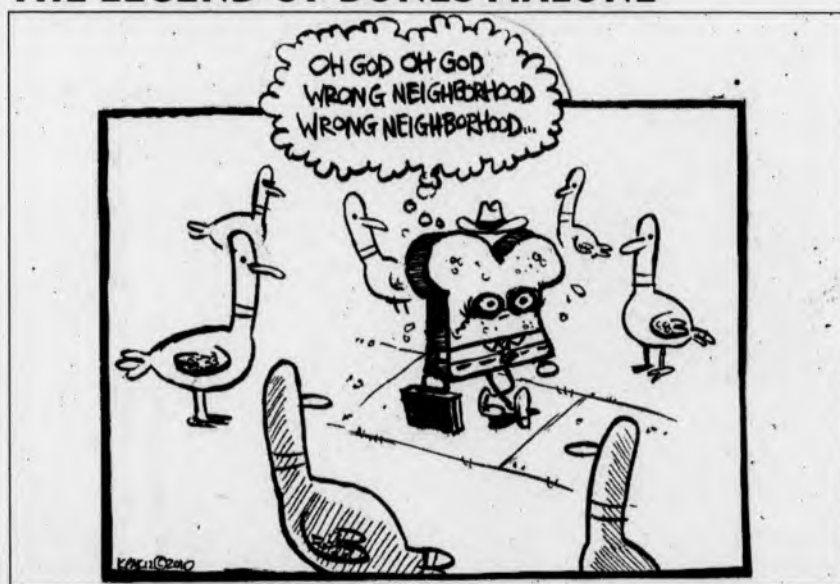
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NEW YORK (AP) — A woman charged in her 8-year-old son's death in a New York City luxury hotel was once detained by police in Wyoming after claiming the boy was being molested by devil worshippers.

Cheyenne Detective Tom Hood told the New York Post that Gigi Jordan wrote letters to a sex crimes investigator more than two years ago saying her autistic son was being abused by a cult.

Hood says Wyoming officials briefly detained Jordan for a psychiatric evaluation. An examination of the boy showed no signs of abuse.

The boy was found dead Friday. Police say it appears he died of a drug overdose in a murder-suicide attempt.

Jordan's ex-husband says he's shocked by the accusations. He says she appeared to be a devoted mother.

The district attorney's office doesn't know whether Jordan has a lawyer.

Authorities investigate fatal Colorado plane crash

BOULDER, Colo. — Investigators plan to talk to other pilots who may have heard communications between two small planes just before they collided in Colorado, killing all three people aboard, while a glider under tow by one of the aircraft cut loose and flew to safety.

National Transportation Safety Board investigator Jennifer Rodi said yesterday that with no black box data, investigators are relying heavily on video, photos, and witnesses' testimony to determine what led to the crash Saturday.

Boulder County sheriff's officials say three people were aboard the glider that managed to disconnect from a Piper Pawnee as a Cirrus SR20 clipped the tow line, just before the two planes collided.

The planes exploded, but the people aboard the glider landed safely.

—Samantha Abernethy (AP)

Mid-Atlantic carves path through historic snowfall

WASHINGTON — The Mid-Atlantic U.S. yesterday began carving a path through the piles of wet, heavy snow in below-freezing temperatures while power crews tried to restore electricity to hundreds of thousands of homes and clear streets for work on Monday.

The National Weather Service called the storm "historic" and reported a foot of snow in parts of Ohio and two feet or more in Washington, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Parts of Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia got closer to three feet.

Many roads reopened but officials continued to warn residents that highways could be icy and treacherous. The snow snapped tree limbs onto power lines and several roofs collapsed under the weight. In Washington, city officials said it was unclear if the roads would be clear enough for workers to get in on Monday.

Some people without electricity worried whether the power would return in time last night's Super Bowl kickoff — though it was an afterthought for others just trying to stay warm.

—Nafeesa Syeed (AP)

Evacuees return to LA-area homes swamped with mud

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. (AP) — Residents of foothill communities deluged by weekend mudslides north of Los Angeles have been allowed to return home.

L.A. County Sheriff's Dep. Guillermina Saldana says the final evacuation order was lifted yesterday for about 70 homes in the Paradise Valley area of La Canada Flintridge. Only residents with valid identification will be allowed back into the neighborhood that was choked with a thick layer of mud and debris during a pummeling rain early Saturday.

Up to 800 homes were evacuated. Forty-three homes were damaged and nine were declared unsafe to enter. About 25 vehicles were damaged.

No injuries have been reported.

Officials: Some die in Conn. power plant explosion

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Multiple people have died in an explosion at a power plant in Connecticut and an unknown number of people are injured.

Al Santostefano, the deputy fire marshal in Middletown, tells The Associated Press the explosion happened at 11:17 a.m. yesterday at the Kleen Energy power plant and portions of the building blew away.

He says 50 workers were inside.

He and Betsy Hard, deputy commissioner of the state Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, say they do not know how many people were killed or injured.

Hard says Middletown authorities have asked surrounding communities for help, and urban search and rescue teams are on their way.

—Pat Eaton-Robb (AP)

Researchers target whales in herring loss study

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Something is holding down the herring population of Alaska's Prince William Sound, and marine scientists are tailing some rather large suspects: Humpback Whales.

Humpbacks, once hunted to near extinction, are thriving in waters fouled 21 years ago by the Exxon Valdez, the supertanker that ran aground and leaked nearly 11 million gallons of crude oil.

The herring population crashed after the spill but should have rebounded by now. One hypothesis is that humpbacks, traditionally summer residents in the sound, are taking a big bite out of vast herring schools that form in the deep water of the sound's fjords each autumn.

Jan Straley, a marine biology professor at the University of Alaska Southeast, and other researchers have studied whales the last two winters with surprising results. Humpbacks are showing up in significant numbers, even in winter.

When summer resident whales leave, others humpbacks move in. Some summer residents are even skipping their annual transoceanic mating and birthing trips to Hawaii, Mexico, or other warm waters in favor of icy Alaska waters.

—Dan Joling (AP)

Urgent health emergency for Haiti earthquake

By Frank Bajak

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The battered bodies may be mending, but the minds still struggle.

As many as one in five Haiti earthquake victims have suffered trauma so great with the multiple shock of lost homes, jobs and loved ones that they won't be able to cope without professional help, doctors say.

In a country where mental health services barely existed before the quake, building the required support is a huge challenge. The symptoms can't be diagnosed by stethoscopes, blood tests and X-rays, and can take time to surface after the initial shock of the disaster.

"It's not about immediate psychological counseling," said Dr. Lynne Jones, a senior medical adviser for the International Medical Corps. "It's about assisting mourning. People cannot recover if their social needs are not met."

Jones, a veteran of natural disasters and wars from Bosnia to Indonesia, is teaching front-line doctors how to identify "disabling fear" and, quite literally, hold people's hands and listen.

Hugo Emmanuel is one of the untold thousands who doctors say have lost the ability to cope.

"Stay away! I don't want you to touch me," he barks at an American nurse who only wants to wash his shattered lower leg.

Emmanuel, 49, is an educated man of spindly limbs but volatile spirit who lies on a mattress on the floor of the kitchenette in the Espoir Hospital in the capital's eastern hills.

He tore the cast off his leg last week. For days after he arrived

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two weeks ago, he only let the hospital director feed him; he claimed everyone else was trying to poison him.

Emmanuel, who lies in his underwear beneath a white sheet and towel, is at least getting personal attention. Most of those diagnosed with severe trauma are treated as outpatients because there is no room for them in the country's 91 functioning hospitals.

"The doctors in such situations tend only to hand out tranquilizers," Jones said. "We don't want them to do that."

Tranquilizers are hardly sufficient for earthquake victims like Emmanuel, who lost his house, both of his parents, and his job.

"I was in a coma-type situation," Emmanuel says in graceful French that reflects his experience as a Quisqueya University researcher. "Every time I think about losing my family, I lose my mind."

He quickly corrects himself. "I'm not crazy. I just think I'm suffering from psychological shock."

The hospital's director, Dr. Gusse Darline, said Emmanuel is sporadically amnesiac. But that's only part of his problem.

"He didn't want to come into the hospital for treatment. We had to drag him in," she said.

Darline says she doesn't know what to do with Emmanuel once his leg heals.

Obama seeks to rally glum Dems amid GOP challenges

By Philip Elliott

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just a year after celebrating Barack Obama's inauguration, despondent Democrats on Saturday heard from their party leader who urged optimism in the face of Republicans' strong challenge to their congressional dominance.

The president said political leaders must plot their way forward to November with an understanding of the economic difficulties Americans face.

"I understand their frustration. You understand it as well," Obama said.

At its winter meeting, a defiant Democratic Party worked to project a message of strength even as loyalists acknowledged the prospect of several defeats in November. The party that controls the White House typically loses seats during mid-

term elections at an average rate of 28 net House seats. President Bill Clinton, the last Democratic commander in chief, lost control of Congress in his first term and Democrats privately are predicting it could happen again.

Obama, looking to write his own history, warned fellow Democrats that, "We have to acknowledge that change can't come quickly enough."

A government report on Friday put the unemployment rate at 9.7 percent. Distrust of Washington has grown and spurred an anti-Washington sentiment that sent scores of activists to a "tea party" convention in Nashville on the same day. Another sign of the tone: Republican Sen. Scott Brown won a special election to take the seat of the late, liberal Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Democrats also lost gubernatorial contests in Virginia and New Jersey that had been in Democratic hands.



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Obama sought to energize Democratic loyalists against what he called "the other party." He urged Democrats to work with their Republican counterparts.

"We can't solve all of our problems alone," Obama said, as the

audience sat in silence.

While Republicans have stood in solid opposition to the president's proposed overhaul of health care, Obama insisted he wasn't willing to abandon the domestic priority that has consumed months of his agenda and has fallen short of victory, for now.

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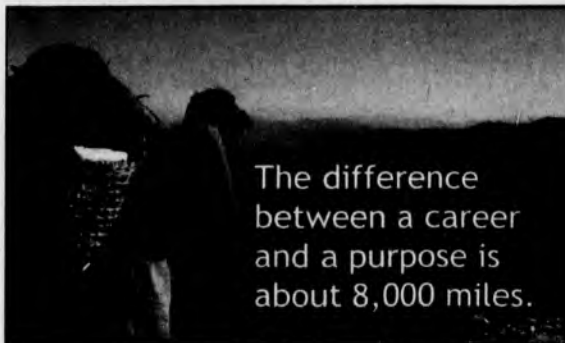
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— Wen Chin Liu, grad student, on a recital at the College of Musical Arts [see story, pg. 1].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What should happen to people caught with pot?



"Nothing. Pot should be legal."

DEVON DENSON,
Freshman,
Psychology



"They should just get a warning until the next time."

BRIGID HENRY,
Sophomore,
Theater



"Students should be put on academic suspension."

JESSICA SAWMILLER,
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"If students get caught more than once, remove them from the dorms."

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Head to head: The marijuana edition

BG News columnists discuss the rights and wrongs of the recent suspension of a Bowling Green student athlete over marijuana possession

Student-athletes should be held to the same standards as everyone



JOSH WHETHERHOLT
ASSISTANT
FORUM EDITOR

Every weekend, there are dozens of students who find themselves in trouble at the hands of the local police. Whether these people are guilty of underage drinking, possession of drugs or disorderly conduct, their names end up gracing the pages of the BG News blotter the following Monday. Most of the trouble these people get into does not really affect their lives except from a legal standpoint, but sadly that is not always the case.

Last Sunday, a Bowling Green basketball player, Daniel McElroy, was indefinitely suspended from play after being cited with possession of 6.57 grams of marijuana. For those of you who either don't partake in ganja-related extra curricular activities or who don't support the metric system, 6.57 grams is roughly a quarter of an ounce.

McElroy was cited Friday, Jan. 29, he played around four minutes in the game against Central Michigan Saturday, and he was suspended that Sunday. Apparently, the basketball coaches were not aware McElroy had gotten in trouble at the time of the game.

McElroy keeping the coaches in the dark on the situation is probably the key to why his suspension is so severe. Granted, McElroy should have told his coaches the skinny on his legal problems before the game, but I

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Many students, including student-athletes, engage in consuming controlled substances in an illegal manner. Most of them get away with it, mainly because getting away with it is not hard. But when a student-athlete gets into trouble, an example is made of them to show the athletic department is serious about the issue.

But why is this so? Why should student athletes be held to a higher standard?

Sure, some might say they are role models or representatives of the University. Sorry to let the student athletes know, most of the students do not look to you to be role models for them.

As a former collegiate student athlete, I feel your dedication to your sport while still attending college deserves much respect, but at this point, we look to others besides sports stars to be role models. And as far as University representatives goes, are there any people outside of the University that are really aware McElroy got into trouble? Chances are, no one knows, especially when his own coaches were not aware.

Another problem that lies in this issue revolves around the criminal aspect of McElroy's citation. Yes, marijuana is currently illegal in America,

However, the amount McElroy had in possession was obviously only meant for his own personal use and was not enough to sell to anyone else.

A further question about this is, does McElroy smoking marijuana really affect his ability to play basketball and play it well? Probably not. Michael Phelps was involved in a similar situation just a year ago, after he won eight gold medals in the Olympics. Not that McElroy is as gifted an athlete as Phelps, but Phelps set the standard that an athlete can be world-class and still engage in a little pot smoking.

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I understand marijuana is not legal (yet) and that since we live in the real world, a punishment was imminent, but holding someone to a higher standard just because they are an athlete and a student not only doesn't make sense to me, it's contrary to the experience allowed to every other student on this campus.

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Mom charged in son's death made cult abuse claims

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman charged in her 8-year-old son's death in a New York City luxury hotel was once detained by police in Wyoming after claiming the boy was being molested by devil worshippers.

Cheyenne Detective Tom Hood told the New York Post that Gigi Jordan wrote letters to a sex crimes investigator more than two years ago saying her autistic son was being abused by a cult.

Hood says Wyoming officials briefly detained Jordan for a psychiatric evaluation. An examination of the boy showed no signs of abuse.

The boy was found dead Friday. Police say it appears he died of a drug overdose in a murder-suicide attempt.

Jordan's ex-husband says he's shocked by the accusations. He says she appeared to be a devoted mother.

The district attorney's office doesn't know whether Jordan has a lawyer.

Authorities investigate fatal Colorado plane crash

BOULDER, Colo. — Investigators plan to talk to other pilots who may have heard communications between two small planes just before they collided in Colorado, killing all three people aboard, while a glider under tow by one of the aircraft cut loose and flew to safety.

National Transportation Safety Board investigator Jennifer Rodi said yesterday that with no black box data, investigators are relying heavily on video, photos, and witnesses' testimony to determine what led to the crash Saturday.

Boulder County sheriff's officials say three people were aboard the glider that managed to disconnect from a Piper Pawnee as a Cirrus SR20 clipped the tow line, just before the two planes collided.

The planes exploded, but the people aboard the glider landed safely.

—Samantha Abernethy (AP)

Mid-Atlantic carves path through historic snowfall

WASHINGTON — The Mid-Atlantic U.S. yesterday began carving a path through the piles of wet, heavy snow in below-freezing temperatures while power crews tried to restore electricity to hundreds of thousands of homes and clear streets for work on Monday.

The National Weather Service called the storm "historic" and reported a foot of snow in parts of Ohio and two feet or more in Washington, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Parts of Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia got closer to three feet.

Many roads reopened but officials continued to warn residents that highways could be icy and treacherous. The snow snapped tree limbs onto power lines and several roofs collapsed under the weight. In Washington, city officials said it was unclear if the roads would be clear enough for workers to get in on Monday.

Some people without electricity worried whether the power would return in time last night's Super Bowl kickoff — though it was an afterthought for others just trying to stay warm.

—Nafeesa Syeed (AP)

Evacuees return to LA-area homes swamped with mud

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. (AP) — Residents of foothill communities deluged by weekend mudslides north of Los Angeles have been allowed to return home.

L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. Guillermina Saldana says the final evacuation order was lifted yesterday for about 70 homes in the Paradise Valley area of La Canada Flintridge. Only residents with valid identification will be allowed back into the neighborhood that was choked with a thick layer of mud and debris during a pummeling rain early Saturday.

Up to 800 homes were evacuated. Forty-three homes were damaged and nine were declared unsafe to enter. About 25 vehicles were damaged.

No injuries have been reported.

Officials: Some die in Conn. power plant explosion

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Multiple people have died in an explosion at a power plant in Connecticut and an unknown number of people are injured.

Al Santostefano, the deputy fire marshal in Middletown, tells The Associated Press the explosion happened at 11:17 a.m. yesterday at the Kleen Energy power plant and portions of the building blew away.

He says 50 workers were inside.

He and Betsy Hard, deputy commissioner of the state Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, say they do not know how many people were killed or injured.

Hard says Middletown authorities have asked surrounding communities for help, and urban search and rescue teams are on their way.

—Pat Eaton-Robb (AP)

Researchers target whales in herring loss study

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Something is holding down the herring population of Alaska's Prince William Sound, and marine scientists are tailing some rather large suspects: Humpback Whales.

Humpbacks, once hunted to near extinction, are thriving in waters fouled 21 years ago by the Exxon Valdez, the supertanker that ran aground and leaked nearly 11 million gallons of crude oil.

The herring population crashed after the spill but should have rebounded by now. One hypothesis is that humpbacks, traditionally summer residents in the sound, are taking a big bite out of vast herring schools that form in the deep water of the sound's fjords each autumn.

Jan Straley, a marine biology professor at the University of Alaska Southeast, and other researchers have studied whales the last two winters with surprising results. Humpbacks are showing up in significant numbers, even in winter.

When summer resident whales leave, others humpbacks move in. Some summer residents are even skipping their annual transoceanic mating and birthing trips to Hawaii, Mexico, or other warm waters in favor of icy Alaska waters.

—Dan Joling (AP)

Urgent health emergency for Haiti earthquake

By Frank Bajak

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The battered bodies may be mending, but the minds still struggle.

As many as one in five Haiti earthquake victims have suffered trauma so great with the multiple shock of lost homes, jobs and loved ones that they won't be able to cope without professional help, doctors say.

In a country where mental health services barely existed before the quake, building the required support is a huge challenge. The symptoms can't be diagnosed by stethoscopes, blood tests and X-rays, and can take time to surface after the initial shock of the disaster.

"It's not about immediate psychological counseling," said Dr. Lynne Jones, a senior medical adviser for the International Medical Corps. "It's about assisting mourning. People cannot recover if their social needs are not met."

Jones, a veteran of natural disasters and wars from Bosnia to Indonesia, is teaching front-line doctors how to identify "disabling fear" and, quite literally, hold people's hands and listen.

Hugo Emmanuel is one of the untold thousands who doctors say have lost the ability to cope.

"Stay away! I don't want you to touch me," he barks at an American nurse who only wants to wash his shattered lower leg.

Emmanuel, 49, is an educated man of spindly limbs but volatile spirit who lies on a mattress on the floor of the kitchenette in the Espoir Hospital in the capital's eastern hills.

He tore the cast off his leg last week. For days after he arrived

"It's about assisting mourning. People cannot recover if their social needs are not met."

Lynne Jones | Doctor

two weeks ago, he only let the hospital director feed him; he claimed everyone else was trying to poison him.

Emmanuel, who lies in his underwear beneath a white sheet and towel, is at least getting personal attention. Most of those diagnosed with severe trauma are treated as outpatients because there is no room for them in the country's 91 functioning hospitals.

"The doctors in such situations tend only to hand out tranquilizers," Jones said. "We don't want them to do that."

Tranquilizers are hardly sufficient for earthquake victims like Emmanuel, who lost his house, both of his parents, and his job.

"I was in a coma-type situation," Emmanuel says in graceful French that reflects his experience as a Quisqueya University researcher. "Every time I think about losing my family, I lose my mind."

He quickly corrects himself. "I'm not crazy. I just think I'm suffering from psychological shock."

The hospital's director, Dr. Gusse Darline, said Emmanuel is sporadically amnesiac. But that's only part of his problem. "He didn't want to come into the hospital for treatment. We had to drag him in," she said.

Darline says she doesn't know what to do with Emmanuel once his leg heals.

Obama seeks to rally glum Dems amid GOP challenges

By Philip Elliott

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just a year after celebrating Barack Obama's inauguration, despondent Democrats on Saturday heard from their party leader who urged optimism in the face of Republicans' strong challenge to their congressional dominance.

The president said political leaders must plot their way forward to November with an understanding of the economic difficulties Americans face.

"I understand their frustration. You understand it as well," Obama said.

At its winter meeting, a defiant Democratic Party worked to project a message of strength even as loyalists acknowledged the prospect of several defeats in November. The party that controls the White House typically loses seats during mid-

term elections at an average rate of 28 net House seats. President Bill Clinton, the last Democratic commander in chief, lost control of Congress in his first term and Democrats privately are predicting it could happen again.

Obama, looking to write his own history, warned fellow Democrats that, "We have to acknowledge that change can't come quickly enough."

A government report on Friday put the unemployment rate at 9.7 percent. Distrust of Washington has grown and spurred an anti-Washington sentiment that sent scores of activists to a "tea party" convention in Nashville on the same day. Another sign of the tone: Republican Sen. Scott Brown won a special election to take the seat of the late, liberal Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Democrats also lost gubernatorial



ALAINA BUZAS / THE NEW YORK TIMES

MEET, GREET: President Barack Obama spoke to the Democratic Party after debarking Air Force One last summer.

contests in Virginia and New Jersey that had been in Democratic hands.

Obama sought to energize Democratic loyalists against what he called "the other party." He urged Democrats to work with their Republican counterparts.

"We can't solve all of our problems alone," Obama said, as the

audience sat in silence.

While Republicans have stood in solid opposition to the president's proposed overhaul of health care, Obama insisted he wasn't willing to abandon the domestic priority that has consumed months of his agenda and has fallen short of victory, for now.

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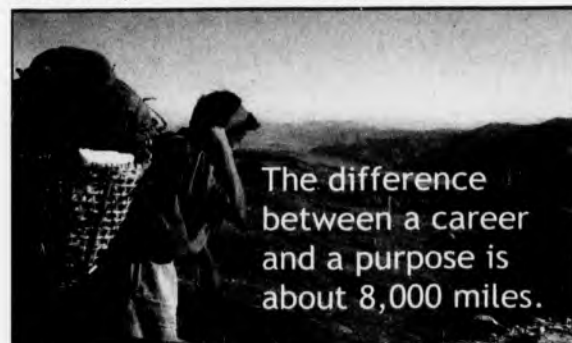
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Today in Sports History

1996—The NFL agrees to allow the Cleveland franchise to move to Baltimore, however it may not use the name "Browns."

1960—Bill Russell becomes the first player in NBA history to grab at least 50 rebounds in a game.

The List

With four teams in action this past weekend, all of which were on the road, we take a look at the weekend's top performers.

1. Prochaska: Lauren Prochaska had 23 of her game high 26 points in the second half as BG avenged a loss to Ball State.

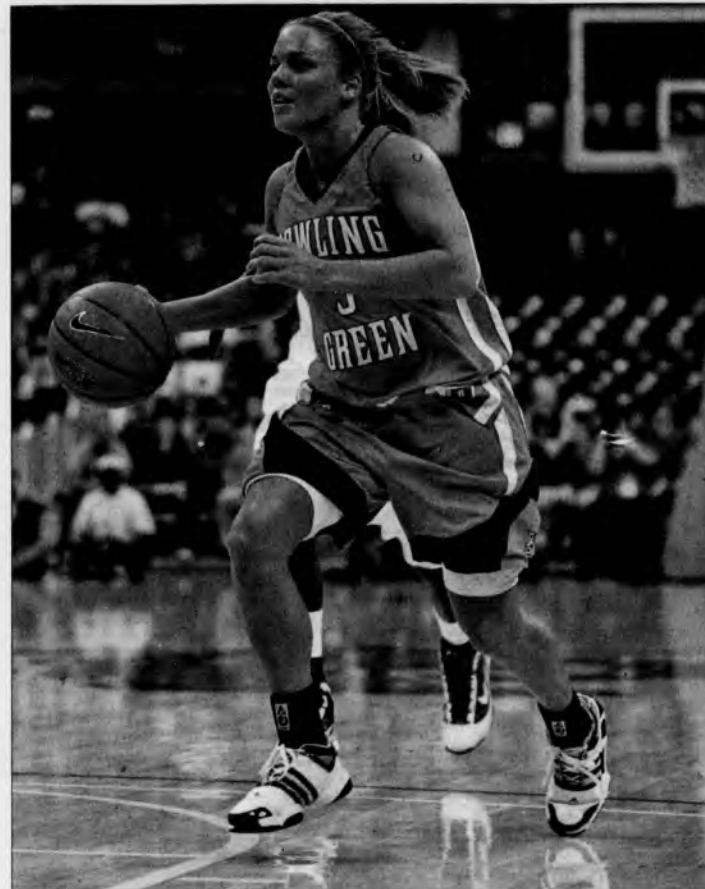
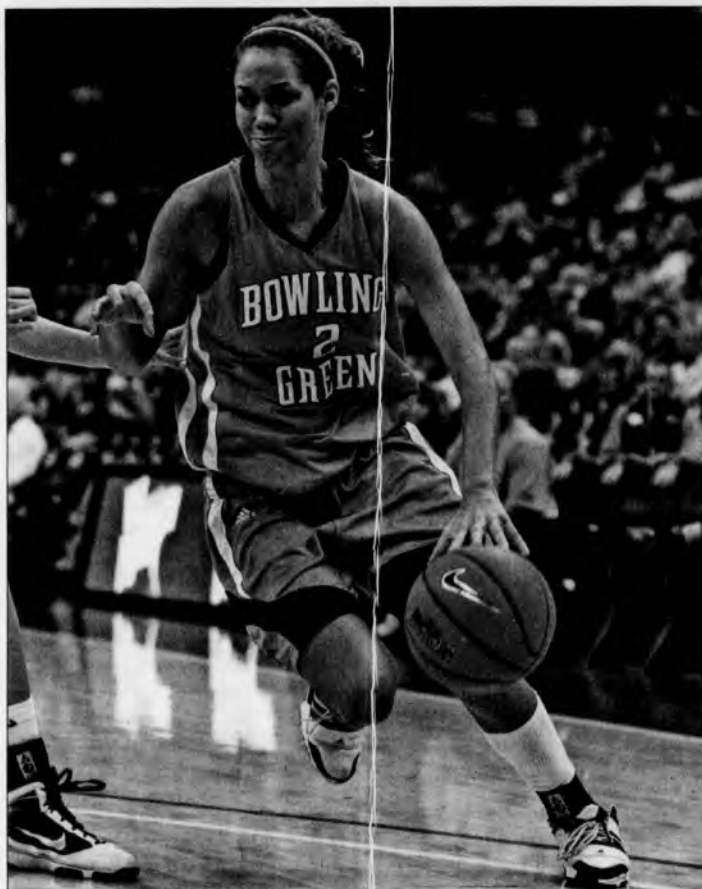
2. Breske: Tara Breske posted a double-double in the win over Ball State, scoring 13 points and grabbing a game-high 12 rebounds.

3. Fillmore: Kasey Fillmore led the gymnastics team to their third straight victory, finishing second in the All-Around competition with a score of 38.70.

4. Richardson: In the final regular season race of her career senior Meg Richardson won the 100-meter freestyle.

5. Thomas: Scott Thomas led BG with 14 points, however it wasn't enough as they fell to Western Michigan on a last-second basket.

Sweet revenge



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REVENGE: Lauren Prochaska (left) and Tracy Pontius helped BG make up for the 2009 MAC Title game loss to Ball State, leading BG to a comeback win in the second half.

Falcons avenge 2009 MAC title game loss

By Paul Barney
Assistant Sports Editor

Lauren Prochaska scored 23 of her team-high 26 points in the second half and Tara Breske added a double-double as the BG women's basketball team erased a 10-point deficit in the second half to win 80-76 against Ball State on Saturday.

Prochaska connected on 8-of-11 shots from the floor, including a career high six 3-pointers, giving her 215-3-pointers in her career—one behind Liz Honegger for tying the school's career record.

Prochaska did, however, pass Honegger on BG's career scoring list, moving into sixth place with 1,528 points in her Falcon career.

"Lauren was very aggressive offensively in the second half," coach Curt Miller said. "[She] put the team on our back and was just outstanding offensively."

Prochaska's 23-point offensive burst in the game's final 20 minutes came after a first half in which the Falcons as a team struggled to find their shot.

BG shot just 38 percent in the first half and trailed 35-30, as the Cardinals scored 20 of their points inside the paint. BSU's inside presence was mostly occupied by Emily

Maggert, who finished with a game-high 28 points.

"We struggled in the first half offensively," Prochaska said. "We weren't doing what our game plan was; we weren't running our offenses the way that we know how to run them and should be running them."

Down 46-36 early in the second half, the Falcons offense put their struggles behind them and went on an 18-0 run to take a 54-46 lead, a lead they would never relinquish.

However, the Cardinals played tough down the stretch

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THREE STRAIGHT: The BG gymnastics team has won three straight meets this season.

Gymnasts continue hot streak, win third straight in Chicago

By CJ Watson
Reporter

The Bowling Green gymnastics team put up their highest-scoring total of the year to pull out their third straight win of the season on the road at the University of Illinois-Chicago on Saturday.

BG (3-2, 2-0 MAC) won by a score of 193.300 to 192.750—even though the Flames posted a season high score.

"This team is really starting to believe in themselves," said coach Kerrie Beach. "After getting a couple wins I think they've now realized just how talented they are and they're really starting to own that, which is great."

Every win this season has been a total team effort. While there

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Kerrie Beach | Gymnastics coach

were many Falcons that stepped up big at UIC, one freshman shone the brightest on Saturday.

Freshman Danielle Wishart posted exceptional scores to win the floor (9.875) and the balance beam (9.825) and finished second on the vault (9.875).

Kasey Fillmore and Breanne

Guy performed well on all events as well and showed why they are some of the team's strongest performers. Fillmore finished second in the all-around with a 38.700 and Guy posted a solid

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Broncos beat Falcons with last-second basket

By Paul Barney
Assistant Sports Editor

Stopping Western Michigan's David Kool was going to be crucial for the BG men's basketball team in leaving Kalamazoo with a win.

The Falcons were able to do that all but one half.

Kool, the Mid-American Conference's leading scorer with 22.7 points per game, compiled 17 of his game-high 23 points in the second half, including a steal and a lay-up with 4.2 seconds remaining to give the Broncos a 65-64 win against the Falcons on Saturday.



Joe Jakubowski

Had the ball stolen leading to WMU's game-winning points

"That's what guys like David Kool do, they can compete to the end," BG coach Louis Orr said. "It's a tough one. You have to play for 40 minutes [and] you have to be tough for 40 minutes."

With a 51-45 lead with 8:34 to play, BG freshman Jordan

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Swim team falls in final meet of the regular season

By Becky Tener
Campus Editor

Friday, Meg Richardson ended her final regular season meet with a splash.

Richardson, a senior, finished first in the 100-yard freestyle, where she holds the fastest time in the Mid-American Conference. Her winning time was 53.61.

Though Richardson and her teammates had some strong performances, they lost 183-111 to the University of Akron. The outcome dropped the Falcons' record to 1-6 in the MAC.

Akron improved to 2-5 with the win.



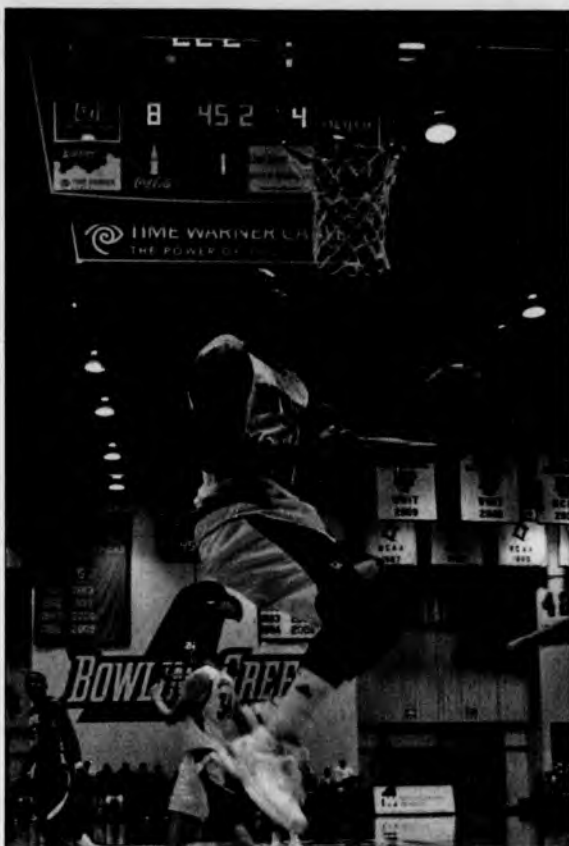
Meg Richardson

Won the 100-meter freestyle in the loss to Akron

Richardson also took second in the 200-yard freestyle (1:54.25), third in the 50-yard freestyle (24.64) and was second leg in the Falcon relay that took second in the 800-yard freestyle relay.

The Falcons finished in first place three times, and finished in the top three on 23

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GOING UP: Dee Brown goes in for a layup in a game earlier this season. ANDREA FEHL | THE BG NEWS

KOOL

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Crawford buried a 3-pointer to give the Falcons an 11-point lead—their largest of the game. However, the Broncos switched to a full-court press and in a span of 2:33, BG committed three turnovers while WMU scored 14 points to take a 61-58 lead.

"It came down to handling their pressure, and that was the difference in the game," Orr said.

After the Falcons regained the lead 62-61 off a pair of free throws from Scott Thomas and a bucket by Otis Polk, BG pushed its lead to three points with 17 seconds remaining on another basket from Polk.

With the Falcons clinging to a 64-61 advantage, the Broncos' Kool scored on the final two possessions of the game, including a layup with 4.2 seconds left after stealing the ball from Joe Jakubowski on an inbounds pass—giving WMU a 65-64 lead.

BG's attempt at a length of the court pass to set up a last-second shot was stolen, sealing the Bronco win.

The Falcons shot 62 percent in the second half but took 14

"It came down to handling their pressure, and that was the difference in the game."

Louis Orr | BG coach

fewer shots than WMU, due in large part to their 10 offensive rebounds in the game's final 20 minutes.

BG struggled controlling the ball in the second half, as they committed 10 of its 13 turnovers in the final half of play.

Polk and Scott Thomas each finished with 14 points for the Falcons, while Dee Brown added 13.

Erik Marshall scored 10 and Crawford came off the bench to record nine points and a career-high six assists.

The loss drops BG to 11-11 overall and 4-6 in the MAC, while WMU improves to 13-10 overall and 5-5 in conference play.

The Falcons return to Anderson Arena for a two-game home stand beginning Wednesday against Northern Illinois. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

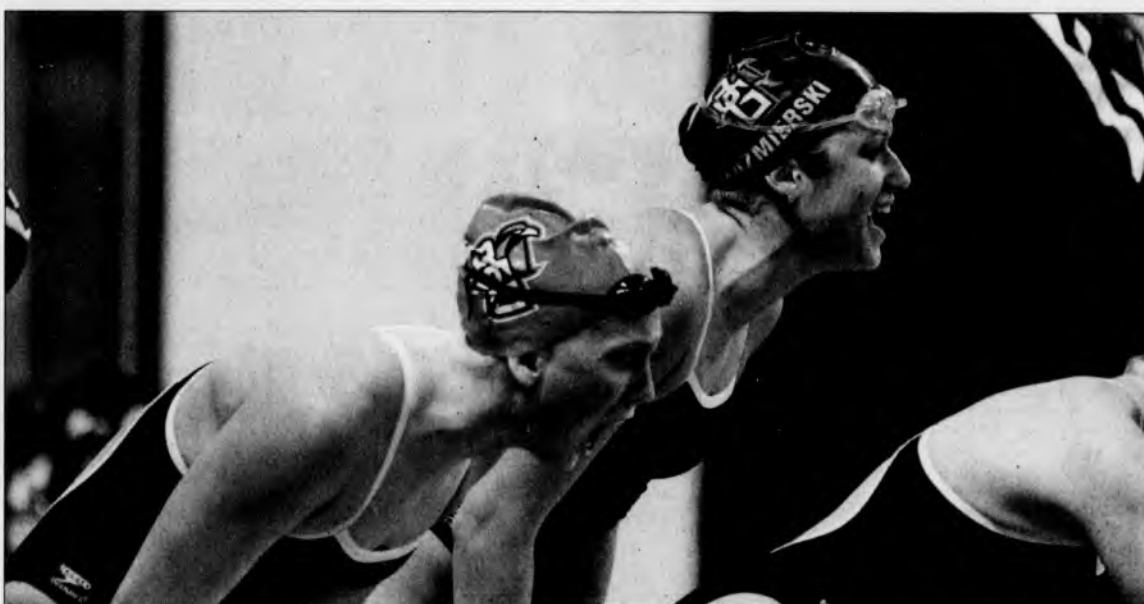
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COME ON: BG swimmers cheer on their teammates in a meet earlier this season. ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

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different races.

Amanda Rom, Alexis Kain and Katie Womack took first, second and third place in the 200-yard breaststroke. Rom finished the race in 2:26.01, while teammates Kain and Womack came in behind her



Vicky Yu

Won the 200-meter butterfly in BG's loss to Akron.

for second and third place finishes, posting times of 2:26.27 and 2:28.14.

Sophomore Vicky Yu took

first in the 200-yard butterfly, touching in at 2:05.77. Her time was just one second short of her personal best of the season. Yu's teammate Sarah Burston touched in behind Yu for second with a time of 2:08.23.

The Falcons will have a short break before the MAC Championships, starting on February 24 at Miami University.

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score of 38.575 to finish in fourth place.

Guy posted a score of 9.775 to take first place on the bars. She was the only Falcon to finish in the top three in the event.

"This week we're definitely going to focus on bars and beam," explained Beach. "We had some great performances on those events but our whole lineup wasn't consistent all the way through on either of those."

While the bars and beam were

the Falcons' toughest events, Beach said that both tend to be the most difficult events when you're put under a lot of pressure. She explained that while a lot doesn't necessarily need to be changed, the bars and beam will be a focus this week in practice.

Numbers can be deceiving for the Falcons. The score does not necessarily mean everything went perfectly this weekend for BG.

"Every event we had some mistakes," said Beach. "Even though we had this high score, it was a little bit of a roller coaster ride."

Even when things weren't going the way the team hoped,

they were able to come together and refocus just like they have all season.

"One thing that I've noticed with this team that sets them apart from teams in the past, is their ability to rebound after any mistake," explained Beach. "Even if one thing didn't go well in an event, they didn't let it affect them for the rest of the meet. They are able to regroup, refocus and move on to the next event and try their best there."

If the Falcons are able to keep their composure and focus like this all season, they can be a strong competitor in the upcoming MAC tournament.

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and found their rhythm offensively much like the first half, cutting the deficit to as close as two points.

Clinging to a 74-72 lead, BG's Tamika Nurse went to the free-throw line four times in the game's final 1:24, knocking down 6-of-8 free throws to seal the win.

The Falcons shot 50 percent from the field in the second half

(12-for-24) and got to the free-throw line 25 times - this coming after just one trip in the first half.

"It was a really gutsy road win," Miller said. "I'm very proud of them sticking together as a team."

While Prochaska and Nurse finished with points of 26 and 15 respectively, the Falcons received a big lift from Breske, who posted a double-double of 13 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

Freshman and Indiana native

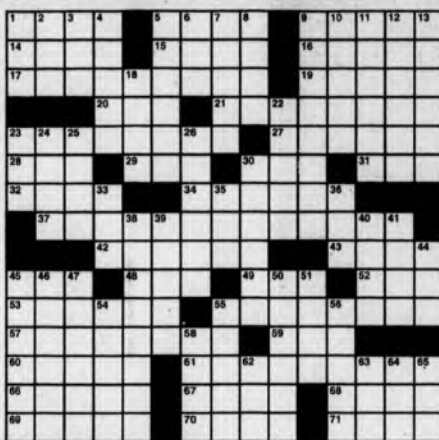
Chrissy Steffen had eight points in the win, setting new personal bests in minutes played (25), rebounds (five) and assists (five).

The win improves BG to 19-5 overall and 9-1 in the MAC to remain a game ahead of Akron in the East Division race.

The Falcons will continue their two-game road trip and their final cross-divisional game of the regular season Wednesday when they play at Central Michigan beginning at 7 p.m.

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ACROSS

- 1 Bridges of "The Big Lebowski"
- 5 River projects
- 9 Ritz cracker alternative
- 14 Swedish furniture giant
- 15 Ostrich cousin
- 16 Neighborhoods
- 17 Longing for a fronded plant?
- 19 Connection
- 20 H.S. dropout's test
- 21 Zinfandel, but not sake?
- 23 Oxygen emanating from a lawn?
- 27 Spews
- 28 Bench press target, briefly
- 29 Côte d'Azur view
- 30 Scratch or dent
- 31 Ed.'s pile
- 32 Rural skyline cylinder
- 34 Rock collection specimens
- 37 Mother Goose offerings, or in a different sense, this puzzle's title
- 42 Cloverleaf element
- 43 Follower of once?

- 1 Choice of "Choosy moms," in ads
- 2 Squeeze (out)
- 3 Not agin
- 4 Werewolf's weapons
- 5 Channel maintenance machine
- 6 Cry of realization
- 7 Griffin and others
- 8 Cleaning product prefix
- 9 "Riders of the Purple Sage" author
- 10 "Maid of Athens, ___ part": Byron
- 11 Discrimination fought by suffragists
- 12 Talks trash to
- 13 Size up
- 18 Polite country affirmative
- 22 Not o'er
- 23 Modern rental car feature, briefly
- 24 Hold back
- 25 Scopes Trial gp.
- 26 Turkish mount
- 30 Christie heroine
- 33 Plata counterpart
- 35 Place where sweaters get fit?
- 36 The Mustangs of coll. football
- 38 Winter wonderland creator
- 39 Shortstop's boot
- 40 Foil alternative
- 41 Fly high
- 44 Worn-down pencil
- 45 Was successful
- 46 Bring to a boil?
- 47 Shown to a seat
- 50 Pleads in court
- 51 Simple poetry pattern
- 54 Aquarium denizen
- 55 "___ it coming": "Serves him right"
- 56 Eng. lesson
- 58 "¿Cómo ___ usted?"
- 62 Bakery product
- 63 Mauna
- 64 Strummed strings
- 65 Show ___

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